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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HIROTA, TOSHIYUKI

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

HUNG VAN DUONG
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2, 6, 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Umezawa et al (US Pat. 5,491,507).

Regarding claims 1-2, 6, 8-9 Umezawa et al disclose an electronic apparatus comprising: a casing 1, 2; a display panel 11 located in the casing 1, 2; a circuit board 17 for the display panel 11 located in the casing 1,2; an antenna element 21 mounted on the circuit board 17 in the casing 1,2; and a radio communication device 18 connected to the antenna element 21 wherein the radio communication device 18 includes an RF portion mounted on the an electronic circuit board 17 in the casing 1,2.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Umezawa et al (US Pat. 5,491,507) in view of Chiba et al (US 2002/0193138).

Regarding claims 3-4, Umezawa et al discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for wherein the antenna element has a ground pattern formed on the circuit board, and an antenna mounted on the circuit board and connected to the ground pattern. However Chiba et al disclose the antenna element has a ground pattern formed on the circuit board, and an antenna mounted on the circuit board and connected to the ground pattern (see para. 36). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to modify an antenna mounted on the circuit board and connected to the ground pattern of Chiba et al's antenna into Umezawa's antenna in order to improve the characteristic of the antenna accordingly.

5. Claims 5, 7, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Umezawa et al (US Pat. 5,491,507) in view of Kawachi et al (US Pat. 6,220,741).

Regarding claims 5,7,10, Umezawa et al discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention except for a light source which is located in the casing and illuminates the display panel, and an inverter mounted on the circuit board and configured to drive the light source. However Kawachi et al disclose a light source which is located in the casing and illuminates the display panel, and an inverter mounted on the circuit board and configured to drive the light source (see column 3, lines 20-25). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to modify a light source which is located in the casing

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and illuminates the display panel, and an inverter mounted on the circuit board and configured to drive the light source of Kawachi et al's display into Umezawa's display in order to improve the vision of the display.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Masaki (US Pat. 6,509,877) teaches portable information apparatus communication antenna.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung v Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Field can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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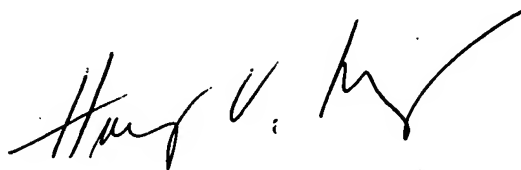
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Hung Duong
Primary Examiner.